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This report contains the results from the **2015 August Ag Yield and Objective Yield Surveys**. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/la> and in a more detailed report at <http://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all who responded to these surveys, and to those cotton producers who allowed objective measurements to be taken in their fields.

Sugarcane Production Up from Last Year
Corn, Cotton, Rice, and Sorghum Production Down from Last Year

Louisiana **Corn** for grain production is forecast at 66.3 million bushels, down 7 percent from 2014. Based on conditions as of August 1, yield is expected to average 170 bushels per acre, down 13 bushels from last year. Producers expect to harvest 390,000 acres of corn for grain, unchanged from 2014.

All cotton production is forecast at 270 thousand bales, down 33 percent, or 134,000 less bales than last year. Yield is expected to average 1,013 pounds per harvested acre, down 141 pounds from 2014. Producers expect to harvest 128,000 acres of cotton, a 40,000 acre decrease from 2014.

Hay production is forecast at 1.1 million tons, down 13 percent from 2014. Based on conditions as of August 1, yield is expected to average 2.4 tons per acre, down 0.3 ton per acre from last year. Producers expect to harvest 460,000 acres of all hay, down 10,000 acres from 2014.

Total **rice** production for the state is forecast at 30 million hundredweight, down 8 percent from last year’s production of 32.7 million hundredweight. Based on conditions as of August 1, the all rice yield for 2015 is forecast at 6,750 pounds per acre, down 380 pounds from last year’s record yield. Louisiana producers expect to harvest 444,000 acres of rice, down 14,000 acres from 2014.

Sorghum for grain production in 2015 is forecast at 7.3 million bushels, down 18 percent from a year ago. Based on August 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 89 bushels per acre, down 4 bushels from 2014. Area for grain harvest, at 82,000 acres, is down 14,000 acres from 2014.

Soybeans production in 2015 is forecast at 74.3 million bushels, down 7 percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 47 bushels per acre, down 10 bushels from last year’s record yield. Area for harvest, at 1.58 million acres, is up 175,000 acres from 2014. If realized, this will be the highest harvested acres on record in the state.

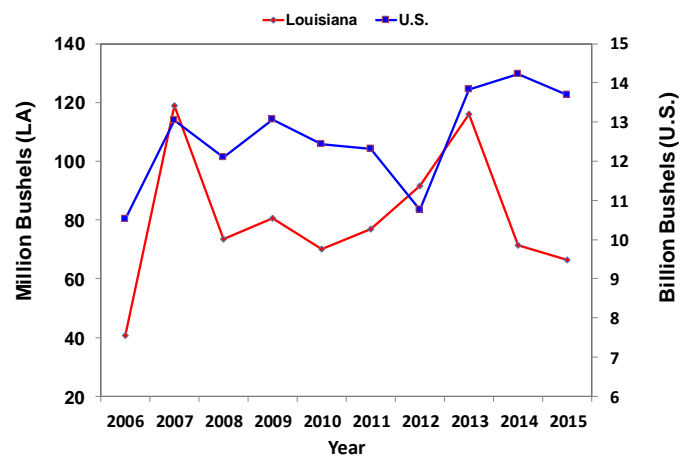
Sugarcane production is forecast at 13.5 million net tons, up 11 percent from a year ago. The yield is forecast at 32 net tons per acre, up 2.5 net tons per acre from last year. Area harvested for sugar and seed totaled 422,000 acres, up 11,000 acres from 2014.

Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Louisiana and U.S., 2014 and Forecasted August 1, 2015

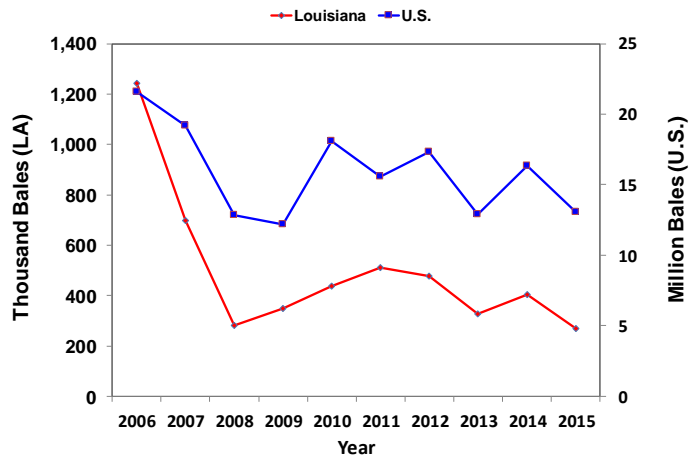
Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
		1,000 Acres		Per Acre		1,000 Units	
Louisiana							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	390	390	183	170	71,370	66,300
Cotton, All	¹	168	128	1,154	1,013	404	270
Hay, All	Tons	470	460	2.70	2.40	1,269	1,104
Rice, All	²	458	444	7,130	6,750	32,658	29,970
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	96	82	93	89	8,928	7,298
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	1,405	1,580	57	47	80,085	74,260
Sugarcane (sugar/seed)	Net Tons	411	422	29.5	32.0	12,125	13,504
United States							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	83,136	81,101	171.0	168.8	14,215,532	13,686,063
Cotton, All	¹	9,346.8	7,894.9	838	795	16,319.4	13,082.0
Hay, All	Tons	57,092	56,539	2.45	2.51	139,798	142,100
Peanuts	Pounds	1,325	1,565	3,932	3,950	5,210,100	6,181,000
Rice, All	²	2,919	2,744	7,572	7,472	221,035	205,030
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	6,401	7,673	67.6	74.6	432,575	572,658
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	83,061	83,549	47.8	46.9	3,968,823	3,916,448
Sugarcane (sugar/seed)	Net Tons	870.3	894.7	35.0	35.9	30,424	32,146
Winter Wheat	Bushels	32,304	33,329	42.6	43.2	1,377,526	1,438,278

¹ Cotton yield in pounds per acre, production in 480 pound bales.
² Rice yield in pounds per acre, production in hundredweight (cwt).

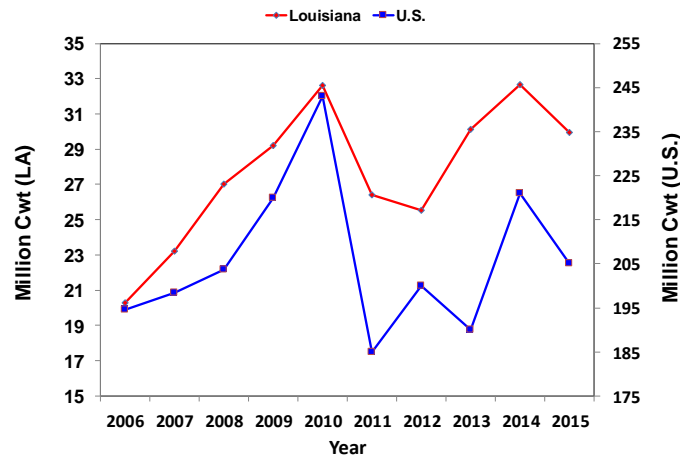
Corn: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2006-2015¹



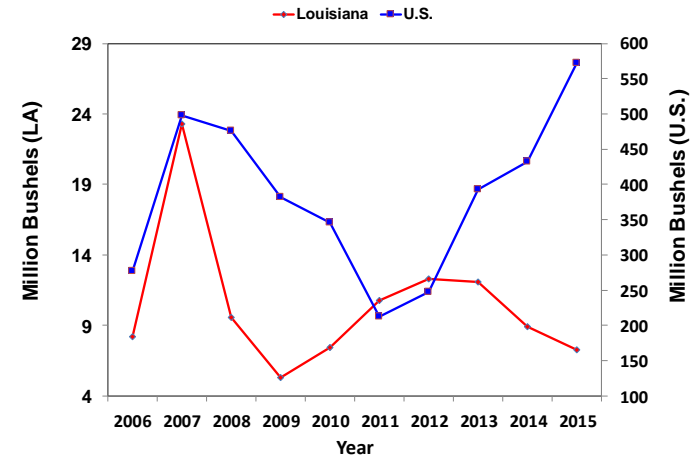
Cotton: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2006-2015¹



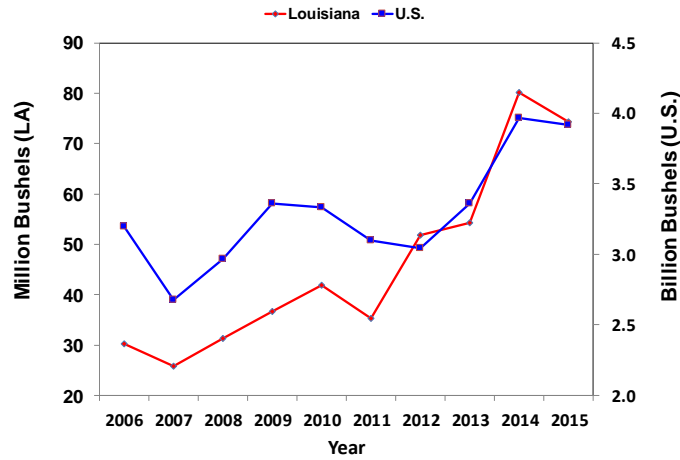
Rice: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2006-2015¹



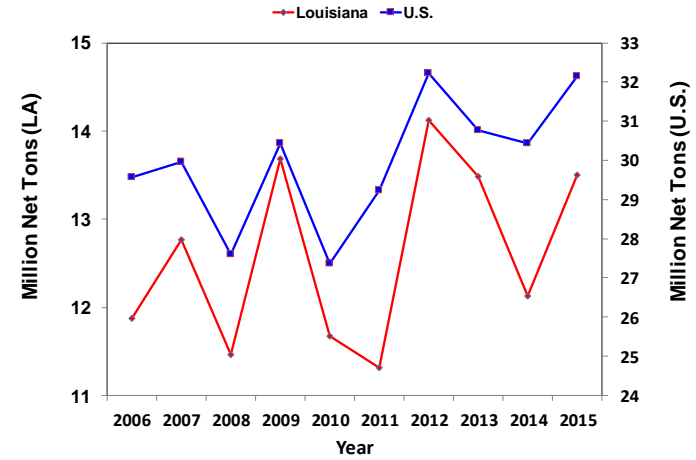
Sorghum: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2006-2015¹



Soybean: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2006-2015¹



Sugarcane: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2006-2015¹



¹ Forecasted production for 2015 as of August 1, 2015.